

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: August 14, 1999**

Markets were generally steady. Demand was fair, best where featured. Sizes were at least adequate on the heavier weights, fully adequate on the smaller sizes. Offerings were fully sufficient for most trade needs. Undertone was steady to instances barely steady.

	FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	38,751	41,434	31,176	111,361
Percentage	35 %	37 %	28 %	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weight	RTC WOG Weight	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	8,977	8.06
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	8,690	7.80
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	7,504	6.74
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>13,580</u>	<u>12.20</u>
		38,751	34.80 %

BOILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
July 03	179,791	104	147,101	103	183,519	104	146,725	103	160,052	100
July 10	179,414	103	146,777	103	183,075	103	146,239	103	136,199	85
July 17	182,638	104	145,256	104	182,775	103	146,240	102	158,335	116
July 24	181,911	104	143,151	105	184,285	104	147,636	103	155,059	98
July 31	179,135	103	141,699	102	183,489	104	146,772	103	155,473	100
Aug 07	178,999	102	144,988	104	184,505	104	148,799	104	152,521	98
Aug 14	178,699	102	144,782	104	183,766	103	147,682	103	153,926	101
Aug 21	181,140	103	142,681	104	185,076	103	147,145	103	154,016	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 08/30/99

	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
New York Grade A Ice-packed	53.21	53.91	66.47
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	54.91	54.63	66.91
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	65.45	65.43	75.64
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	59.84	59.90	72.47
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	60.15	59.65	70.18
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	52.99	54.63	60.23

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
	08/27/99	08/27/99	08/30/99
Breast - B/S	197.77	205.11	198.50
Tenderloins	155.02	176.96	---
Breast - Line Run	95.94	96.27	96.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	21.60	21.48	22.50
Wings	56.62	51.88	53.00

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